Plan outlay for Railways

1142. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) the total outlay for Railways in the Tenth Plan;

(b) whether the investment in Railways declined from 10.3 per cent of total outlay in the Fourth Plan to 5.3 per cent in the Ninth Plan; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The Tenth Five Year Plan outlay for Railways (2002-07) as approved by the Planning Commission is Rs. 60,600 crore.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The investment in Railways during Fourth Plan was not 10.3% of the total outlays but only 5.9 %, which has marginally reduced to 5.3% in the Ninth Plan.

Warning system at rail crossings

1143. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether railways propose to install warning system at rail crossings to check mishaps;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the rail tracks where this device would be installed to begin with; and

(c) Other measures which are proposed to control rail accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To begin with, Train Actuated Warning device based on Axle detectors are planned to be provided at 90 level crossing gates, 70 manned and 20 unmanned, to warn road users about an approaching train over East Coast, Northern, North Central, North Eastern, North Western, Southern, South Central and South Eastern Railways.

(c) Safety is the prime concern of Indian Railways and adoption of new measures to imporve safety is a continuous process. The measures